

**Central Naugatuck Valley Emergency Planning Committee/  
Citizen Corps-CERT  
Watertown Fire House  
March 11, 2010  
5:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Michael Devine, Bethlehem; Dave Hardt, Watertown; Chet Sergey, Wolcott; Ken Hanks, Naugatuck; Steve Savage, NW CT Public Safety; Scott Pelletier, Oxford; Richard Mortensen, Prospect; David Monckton, Woodbury; Tom Vannini, DEMHS Region 5 Coordinator.

**Staff:** Joe Perrelli, Regional Planner

Chairman Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Introductions were made. There was no public comment.

Regarding the FY 07 and FY 08 grants, the committee had to determine how the remainder of shelter funds would be divided among the five towns (Prospect, Wolcott, Oxford, Watertown, and Bethlehem). Each town was supposed to have \$170 each left over. After some discussion, it was decided that the towns would each receive identification vests for shelter managers, deputy managers, and staff. On a motion by Chet Sergey, seconded by Richard Mortensen, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To spend the rest of the shelter funds on identification vests for shelter managers, deputy managers, and staff in Prospect, Wolcott, Oxford, Watertown, and Bethlehem.

Approximately \$55,000 of the FY 07 money was moved to FY 08. ESF-11 came up with a plan to spend that money to large animal carriers that could accommodate 2 horses, temporary corrals, a 6,500-watt generator, and decon equipment. The committee discussed the availability of equipment to move large animals. CREPC has access to equipment for hoisting large animals, which is available through mutual aid. Dr. Goldman will train volunteers to respond to downed animals that need to be moved.

Ken Hanks addressed the emails that were circulating with guidance on using the Everbridge system. There are concerns that a review committee that is judging the use of the system after an event can deem it an "inappropriate use." How is an inappropriate use defined? What would have it is judged to be an inappropriate use of the system? Norwalk Fire Chief, Denis McCarthy, recommended setting up a user group to address such concerns.

The committee discussed Charlie Rutledge's departure from the REPT Steering Committee, Michael Devine was nominated to replace Charlie Rutledge on the REPT Steering Committee. On a motion by Chet Sergey, seconded by Scott Pelletier, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To recommend Michael Devine as the EPC's representative on the REPT Steering Committee.

Joe Perrelli reported that Barbara Buddington will be performing another Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis for the FY 09 grant. She will be visiting each of the sub-regions individually to perform discuss their needs. The committee discussed the need to work with ESFs and having coordination between the sub-regions. The meeting with Barbara Buddington will take place before the next EPC meeting at the Watertown Fire House at 4 p.m.

Ken Hanks reported that John Field is putting together a letter to encourage towns to make use of the Salamander system. The committee discussed the need for Salamander readers to get use out of all of the cards that are out there. Towns need readers in order to understand how it works and the benefits of having the Salamander system. Larry Black has the Salamander cards for the CNV region. The fire departments are usually in charge of the Salamander and reader, so the need for readers should come through ESF-4.

Chet Sergey mentioned that the Wolcott CERT team has four to six new members. The team still has a need for winterware and new backpacks. Chet reported that they would like to apply for the \$2,000 semi-annual CERT grant.

On a motion by David Hardt, seconded by Richard Mortensen, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve Wolcott's application for a \$2,000 CERT grant.

Richard Mortensen questioned where Prospect stood in terms of future funding. They sought to renew their grant back in November. Joe Perrelli said that he would talk to Virginia Mason about the status of their CERT funding. The committee also discussed trying a regional CERT format. It was not approved in the past, but it would be more efficient to operate a team on the regional level.

The committee discussed their satisfaction with the presentation by Paul Gibbs and suggested that he should put on another presentation.

On a motion by Richard Mortensen, seconded by Chet Sergey, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Perrelli  
Regional Planner